



Student's death raises questions

Authorities await test results, piece together circumstances of life lost

By TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

Maryville Public Safety is awaiting toxicology test results to determine the cause of death of Northwest student Julia Vogel, who died Dec. 28.

Vogel's body was taken to Kansas City for an autopsy performed by the Jackson County coroner. Results show her cause of death to be from hypothermia, however, Public Safety will wait for toxicology test results which should be completed by the end of this week to officially declare the cause of death, Director of Public Safety Keith Wood said.

An apartment resident found Vogel's body at about 9:35 a.m. Dec. 28 outside, between two of the Fox Cove Apartment complexes.

Maryville Public Safety and Nodaway County ambulance were called to the 600 block of South Munn. Vogel had apparently been outdoors for some time because heavy frost was on her clothing. She was treated immediately for hypothermia and died later that day at St. Francis Hospital.

She had reportedly been visiting a friend at Fox Cove Apartments from 7 to 10 p.m. and was last seen leaving that friend's apartment.

Vogel's vehicle has been recovered from the scene by Public Safety and is undergoing inspection. Wood said investigators are still trying to determine Vogel's whereabouts from 10 p.m. until about 2 a.m.

Wood said that there were several factors to deem the incident as "suspicious."

"It was suspicious in and of itself that a 38-year-old, apparently healthy person is outdoors in those elements," he said.

Vogel's coat was off and about 30-40 feet away from where her body was found. She also had blood on her face, which later was found to be the result of a cut lip, Wood said.

"A part of our ongoing investigation was, has there been an assault or did she fall, those type of things," Wood said.

Wood said there were specific prescription drugs that toxicologists were screening on Vogel's body. Public Safety will release the results when the information becomes available.

"The big question we hope toxicology answers for us, is why was she incapacitated to the point that she did not remove herself from the elements," Wood said.

People should use common sense and be prepared for cold weather, Wood said.

"She was socializing for the evening and she was not clothed for being outside long-term," he said. "People can endure the cold like that, but not when they are not prepared for it."

University to conduct bell ringing memorial for non-traditional student

By SARA SITZMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Family and friends are left with questions and memories after a Northwest student's life ended unexpectedly over the holiday break.

A non-traditional student at the University, Julia Vogel, 38, died Dec. 28 after being found outside the Fox Cove apartment complex.

Born in Maryville and raised in Hopkins, Vogel later moved to Rolla with her husband, Rodney. Together they had three children, Ryan, Jennifer and Kristen.

Vogel decided she wanted to go back to school and complete her education, LaVerne Lowrance, Vogel's father, said. "She was looking forward to finishing her college education," Lowrance said. "She really was enjoying it."

Vogel was majoring in business economics with a minor in French. Lowrance said with her knowledge in French she was planning on taking a trip this summer to be an interpreter.

Along with her classes, Vogel also worked as a desk clerk at the Comfort Inn in Maryville. She had been employed there since August. Manager Chuck Hetrick said Vogel was always punctual and responsible.

"I always considered her a very good employee," Hetrick said. "We're truly sorry for the loss."

According to Lowrance, Vogel worked the evening of Dec. 28 and was scheduled to work the following morning. Her mother, Margaret, had also seen her that evening and Vogel was happy, he said.

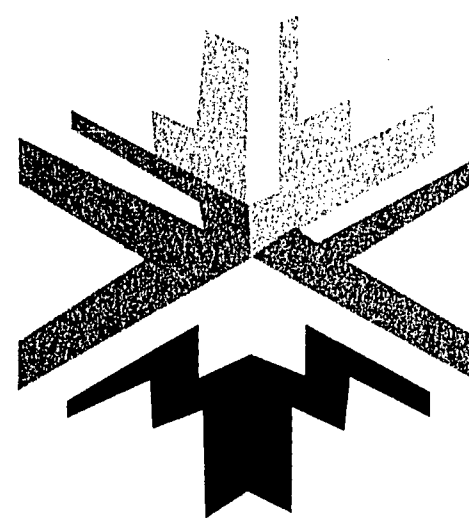
"It was just such a shock," Lowrance said. "We just couldn't imagine it."

Until toxicology tests come back on Vogel, it is uncertain the specifics of her death.

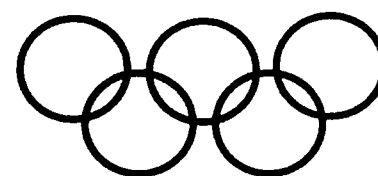
"We don't know a lot at this time," Lowrance said. "We're just waiting for more information."

Student Senate will plan a bell ringing for Vogel's family as a memorial from the University.

"She was just a wonderful girl," Lowrance said.



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As the Olympic flame works its way across the nation to Salt Lake City, three people from the community were given the opportunity to include Maryville, Northwest in the historical occasion

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

The theme of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay is inspiration. Torchbearers who have been chosen are individuals who have inspired others, served their communities in an exemplary manner, embody the Olympic spirit or have overcome adversity. Two area citizens participating in this year's relay are examples of this theme in themselves.

Matt Abele, a Physical Education and Health graduate student at Northwest, ran Wednesday as a torchrunner in Kansas City, Mo.

Abele described the event as uplifting.

"It was one of the most exciting things I've ever done," Abele said of the relay. "All the fans and the atmosphere made it totally exhilarating."

Abele was nominated a year ago by his older sister, Jessica Todd. When she found out about the contest she wrote an essay describing his accomplishments as a long-jumper and sprinter for Northwest's track team and what an inspiration he was because of his hard work and dedication. In August, Abele was informed by Todd that he had been chosen.

"I was both shocked and excited when she told me I had won," Abele said. "I didn't know she had entered me in the contest."

Abele said that his opportunity to carry the torch was much more significant since the events of Sept. 11.

"This did have a lot more meaning for me since the attacks, as it was for everyone who participated," Abele said. "Since the Olympics are a sign of international peace, it was all the more important after the attacks. It really was a very special moment in my life to be able to do this."

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Signs line the halls of Maryville Middle School that read, "Good Luck Mr. Nowland! We are proud of you!" above the graphic of an Olympic torch. Excitement is in the air this week at Maryville Middle School. It can be



MATT ABELE
TORCHRUNNER

heard throughout the building as the students prepare for Thursday's big event. Keith Nowland, principal of Maryville Middle School, has been chosen to be a torchbearer in the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay.

As one of 3,505 chosen to carry the torch on its route from Athens, Greece to Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium in Salt Lake City to mark the beginning of the 2002 Winter Olympic games, Nowland will run with the torch for approximately one-fifth of a mile as it goes through St. Joseph on its route across the United States Thursday morning.

When Nowland, who has been principal of MMS for five years, discovered that he would be carrying the torch in the relay, his initial response was shock, because he was not aware of his nomination as torchbearer.

"I received a letter in the mail last August informing me that I had been chosen," Nowland said. "It was then that I learned that teachers in the school had nominated me."

The idea for Nowland's nomination came February from MMS eighth grade teacher Becky Byland, who saw ads encouraging citizens to nominate torchbearers. She found a Web site to learn

more information, and then suggested to her fellow eighth-grade teachers and students that Nowland be nominated. The teachers then filled out an application for Nowland and sent it without his knowledge. It wasn't until August that Nowland received word of his being acceptance by the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, but he kept it a secret for nearly four months.

"Months after sending the application, we didn't hear any sort of response, so we assumed he must not have been chosen, and didn't say anything about it to him," said eighth-grade teacher Susan Martin. "Then, a week before Christmas, Mr. Nowland finally told us he had been nominated. I don't think he realized what a big deal it really was."

If anyone realizes what a big deal Nowland's involvement in the relay is, it is his students.

"Mr. Nowland really deserves to be a torchrunner because he's a cool guy," said MMS sixth-grader Dawson Vorderbruegge. "He's a good representation for Maryville and the Middle School."

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Collision slows traffic



PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Two onlookers watch as police and Boyle's Motors help clear Highway 71 after two cars collide in front of Wal-Mart Tuesday evening. Traffic was delayed for 30 minutes while police marked off the area.

State budget demands put University in tough spot

By SARA SITZMAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Northwest must find a balance between maintaining a functioning institution and meeting the governor's demands to cut spending.

An additional 2 percent budget cut was announced Dec. 17 by Gov. Bob Holden, an amount totaling \$583,430, University President Dean Hubbard said.

"Now although it doesn't provide a whole lot of comfort, as we struggle with the budget, it is useful to realize that we're not in this alone," Hubbard said. "Almost every state is having similar problems. And in fact, when they line the states up and they look at the severity of the budget in that state, Missouri seems to fall about the middle."

Provost Taylor Barnes said the trouble with the budget is the unpredictable economy.

"In terms of Northwest's concerns,

it's the uncertainty in the national and state economy," Barnes said. "Both of which are naturally outside our control."

To accommodate for the latest crunch, Northwest will suffer administrative and staff cuts, and will reach into the University's monetary reserves, Hubbard said.

"Now when we finish making the current 2 percent adjustments that we have to make, I'm guessing, I don't know for sure, but our reserve figure will have been cut in half and the remaining balance will be less than the 5 percent that we had to adjust for at the beginning of this year," Hubbard said.

Another concern is the governor's announcement of the budget for the 2003 fiscal year expected Jan. 23.

"I don't know anyone who doesn't believe that it will contain additional cuts," Hubbard said. "If indeed Gov. Holden calls for more cuts, we will ob-

viously have to go back to the drawing boards and find more savings."

As of right now, no faculty positions have been expunged due to the lack of state funds.

"We are pledged to do everything possible to perturb instruction as little as possible, but I would be less than honest if I didn't point out that we are running out of options," Hubbard said.

The University will continue its current course of action for coping with the budget crunch until next year's financial situation is announced. Barnes said the University is hopeful that the budget woes will be short term.

"Our optimism is that we're in a position to continue to emphasize strengths of our programs and to continue to serve our students," Barnes said.

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Quick reader. A fast grasp on the situation.

What happened? Northwest received an additional 2 percent budget cut.

How is the school covering the cost? With administrative cuts and money from reserves.

What is next? Jan. 23 the University will receive the governor's suggested budget for fiscal year 2003.

Gallery welcomes exhibit

By LAURA PEARL
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Students, faculty and community members filled Room 244 of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building Monday night as a representative from the Normal Editions Workshop welcomed the newest art exhibit to Northwest.

Veda Rives, associate director and printer for the NEW, greeted the packed room with a short speech followed by a slide presentation explaining the printmaking process.

Rives showed slides of herself and other staff members creating prints in their workshop at Illinois State University.

Rives defined printmaking and explained each possible method for creating prints, noting that making prints of artwork is not the same as reproducing artwork.

The Normal Editions Workshop brings in artists, who may then pay to have their original images printed by the NEW staff.

"We're dedicated to assisting artists in their careers as well as benefiting students by helping them to see professional artists at work," Rives said.

Rives, along with Workshop Director Richard Finch, compiled an exhibition of 20 original, limited-edition prints from contemporary artists who have collaborated with the NEW staff. This collection will be on display in the Olive DeLuce Gallery.

Northwest has worked for a couple of years to bring the exhibit to the campus, said Paul Falcone, associate professor of art.

Falcone heard about the NEW from a print conference and began working to bring it to campus so Northwest students could see trends and processes in printmaking.

"These are mainly contemporary print makers—people who are active right now in the art world," Falcone said. "This will give people insight into what's going on in contemporary printmaking. Just the aesthetic experience of looking at artwork is a benefit in itself."

The exhibit is displayed in the first floor gallery of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building and can be seen from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 15.

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PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
University President Dean Hubbard accepts the Missouri Quality Award from Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell Dec. 13 in St. Louis. This is the second time Northwest has won the award.

Associate director anticipates future

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

The newest associate director of admissions started her new job Monday and became responsible for admissions decisions and enrolling students into the University.



DEB POWERS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Small Business Development Center. She became assistant director of the Northwest Missouri Educational Consortium in 1999.

When Powers was approached

with the associate director opportunity, she believed it would help her advance at Northwest. It was also a way for her to use information gained from classes she has taken at Northwest for her Masters of Business Administration. Powers replaced Sandi Cox and Beverly Schenkel, who have been splitting the associate director's job. Schenkel received the Dean position and Cox retired and came back to work part time, so the department decided to hire a full-time employee.

"I may not be out there to do any great things for an institution, but I really believe I do small things in great ways," Powers said.

The position will provide Powers with an opportunity to enhance enrollment through admissions and to grow professionally, she said.

Powers will work under Beverly Schenkel, associate director of admissions for operations.

Schenkel will advise Powers on

management of the admissions database, the direct mail campaign, residency petitions and the admissions operations staff. Powers will also work on committees and the enrollment management team.

"She will promote Northwest to prospective students, parents and counselors in a positive manner," Schenkel said. "She will work well with the campus community to help create a culture that is customer-friendly."

Although Powers believes she will enjoy her position, her first priority will be the students and the University.

"Northwest is one of the greatest places, and I can't say enough about the positive aspects that it brings to students," Powers said. "The quality of life you get living in a community this size is just something that can't be measured."

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Service Center.

Summer in London applications being accepted

Students interested in traveling to London as part of Northwest's "Summer in London" program may now submit applications.

For more information, contact either Charles or Patricia Schultz.

Reception honors quality

By MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At 6:45 a.m. Dec. 13, 108 Northwest students, faculty and staff boarded two buses for a five-hour drive to St. Louis. A black-tie Missouri Quality Award ceremony at the Downtown Marriott was their final destination.

Tired and bleary-eyed, Student Senate members speculated on the banquet and whether their formal dresses would be too formal. Administrators napped while "Apollo 13" played on the bus. Faculty talked with students about finals just taken and holiday plans. People who had been to the 1997 Quality Award ceremony in Jefferson City told others about the atmosphere.

"This is going to be a grand and glorious night," said Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of student affairs.

Everyone's questions were answered when the governor's recep-

tion before the ceremony began. Representatives of the three Quality Award winners, Sprint, Anheuser-Busch and Northwest, mingled around candlelit tables and chatted over glasses of red wine. Northwest representatives affixed Bearcat stickers to their clothing. Members of other companies received stickers from proud Northwest faculty and students.

Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell sported a Bearcat sticker as well.

"If you strive for excellence, you can achieve excellence," he said. "That's what tonight is all about. Folks who know about setting standards and achieving them."

After the reception, guests traveled to the banquet hall amid music from Northwest's jazz ensemble.

Northwest faculty and administrators expressed their excitement as anticipation mounted.

"We've been given affirmation that what we're doing is the right

thing to do," said Provost Taylor Barnes.

As University President Dean Hubbard accepted the Quality Award, cheers erupted and the audience leapt to its feet. Hubbard said students were the reason for winning the award, and students in attendance stood to be recognized.

While students are the reason Northwest strives for quality, Hubbard said he hopes students do not notice.

"Hopefully students will just experience quality in so many small ways that it never dawns on them," he said. "Our students take it for granted and that's what we want. If they've experienced four or five years of quality and they go out into the world of work, they understand what quality is intuitively and they will implement it in their own work environment."

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Construction progresses

By CLARK GRELL
CHIEF REPORTER

Construction crews are keeping busy with many projects around campus in an effort to keep Northwest growing.

Many projects are in the final stages of completion while others have just begun.

Construction Manager Dave Duvall said it is important to keep the campus up-to-date.

One of the major projects in its last phase of construction is the renovation of the Garrett-Strong Building. Renovations began nearly two years ago with emphasis on labs and office space. The project will be completed by mid-summer, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

The \$15 million project includes the addition of a greenhouse and botany classroom.

The building was built in 1968 and needed updating, Courter said. "We wanted to deliver a science program that is technologically based," Courter said.

Other major projects are in the planning stages.

Northwest officials are looking at designs for renovating Rickenbrode Stadium. The project includes extra

seating on the west side of the stadium and expanding the press box.

Construction on the west side might be a problem within itself.

"Contractors have expressed concerns about tight scheduling and tight area to work around," Courter said.

The stadium work will take 12-15 months, Courter said.

Construction on a new ware-

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Growth is important. I've seen many organizations get to a point and then freeze and then not know what to do."

DAVE DUVAL
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

house has begun north and west of the campus and should be completed by summer 2003.

"We have to store large amounts of equipment and supplies," Duvall said. "It is a great addition to the campus."

The University has rented facilities in Maryville for storage and will use money saved in rental expenses to pay for the new warehouse.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

"Gaelforce" coming to campus in March

The 2002 Encore Series faces a change in its lineup of spring performances.

The contemporary Irish dance group "Gaelforce" will visit the Northwest campus as a replacement for "Celticfusion," a similar group which is no longer touring.

"Celticfusion" was a replacement group for the series' original performers, "Spirit of the Dance."

"Gaelforce" will come to campus March 15 and will begin performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Tickets for the original show will be honored. Ticket refunds must be made before Jan. 14 at the Student

Hangar

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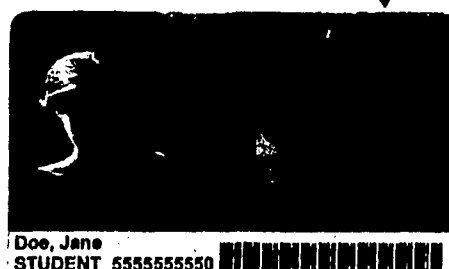


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Church organist retires after 27 years of service

By ABBY SIMONS
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

Of the many joyful sights and sounds seen and heard from Sunday services at First Baptist Church in Maryville, what the members of the congregation are struck by most are the sounds of the church organ.

Pat Mozingo, organist for the church, was responsible for music at the services, and after 27 years, is retiring.

Mozingo, who lives in Maryville with her husband Bill, loved her work as an organist, and to her, it was hardly a job.

"I put in plenty of hours at the church playing many weddings, funerals and church services, but it was all very fulfilling," Mozingo said. "I wouldn't have kept it up for so long if it weren't a blessing."

Mozingo began playing the organ when she took lessons at the First Baptist Church while in high

school. After graduating high school, Mozingo was married. She and her husband Bill then moved to Tarkio, where they lived from 1958 until 1972, when they moved back to Maryville. In 1975, she began playing regularly for the church, and did so for the next 27 years.

Mozingo said that every service she played was special in its own way, but her favorite service to play was Christmas Communion. She also recalls the summer of 1990, when she played with three other musicians at an evening service.

"Four of us did a Sunday night of music, with four different instruments," Mozingo said. "It sounded wonderful, and was very special."

Brent Evans, music director at First Baptist, said that both Mozingo's talent and dedication will be missed.

"If anything stands out about Pat, it was that she was very com-

mitted to playing. We could always rely on her," Evans said. "She spent countless hours practicing and truly showed dedication to the church and to our God."

At Mozingo's final service Sunday, Dec. 30, she played one extra hymn on the organ and was then presented with a scrapbook, notes of appreciation and a small grand piano figurine that plays "Amazing Grace."

Mozingo, who has three grown children and four grandchildren, works part time at the Nodaway County Health Center. She plans on traveling with her husband, but will fill in occasionally at the church, and will always be expected to give it her all.

"It's an important job," Mozingo said. "Because every Sunday is a Sunday that touches someone's heart."

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PHOTO BY LAURA SECK/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Pat Mozingo, organist at First Baptist Church lays her hands upon the organ she has played for more than 27 years. She retired Dec. 30 and plans on traveling with her husband, Bill.

Construction affects lives of residents

By KARA SWINK
CHIEF REPORTER

Homeowners on Highway 71 are looking forward to highway construction being finished and the highway turning into four lanes.

Merle Mumford has owned her home for over 62 years, which set on the side of the highway.

"They were supposed to start this project a long time ago, but they couldn't get the money," Mumford said. "This is long overdue, just long overdue."

Mumford was directly affected by the construction when her fence had to be removed. The workers had prepared her ahead of time that they would have to remove it and it was reinstalled two days later.

The construction has not created hardships for other residents who live on the constructing highway, side either. Randall and Gail Ingram's main concern with the highway construction is that when completed they will have to drive two miles south to be able to come into Maryville, because that will be the closest divider.

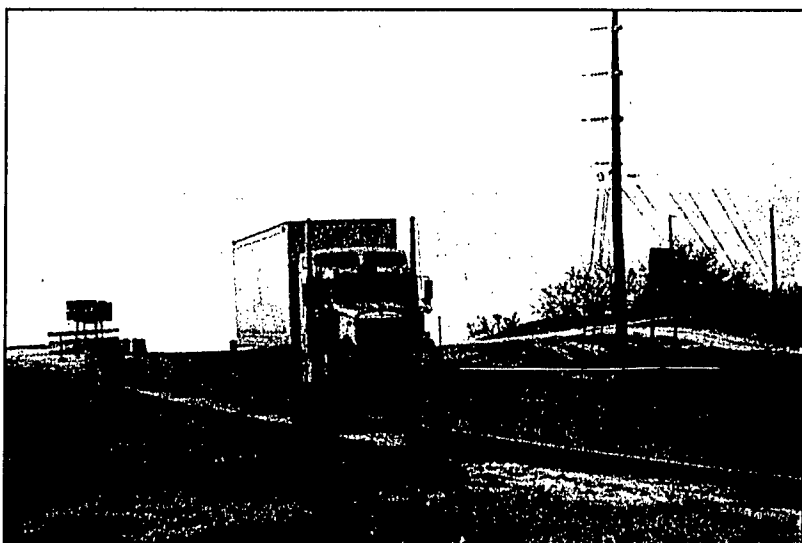


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Construction continues on Highway 71 south of Maryville. The construction will change the highway from two lanes to four.

Mumford and the Ingrams both feel their privacy has not been affected since the construction began and both commented that noise has not been a problem.

The Ingrams built their house seven years ago and realized construction might become a factor. They had their land laid out and surveyed as far as the highway but still had to give up more land than they wanted because of construction.

"We were disappointed they took 15 more feet of land in addi-

tion to what they originally told us," Gail Ingram said. "When we built we had it staked off where the highway was going to be, if we would have known sooner we would have moved the house back farther."

The construction workers have worked well with the families and have been courteous to them when working around their property.

The workers are pretty good about the homeowners," Randall Ingram said. "They respect us, and try to keep the drive open."

School district receives award for development

By CLARK GRELL
CHIEF REPORTER

North Nodaway School District was recognized for its efforts in improving student achievement Dec. 19 in San Antonio. The school district received the National Staff Award for Professional Development for their outstanding teacher development program.

North Nodaway was presented the award by U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige at the Improving America's Schools Conference.

The award is given to schools or school districts that show evidence of staff development making improvements in student learning. To win the award, schools must send in an application and show increased achievement over a three-year period.

The school filled a room with notebooks from teachers and posters of achievement. A panel of experts from the development program evaluated the work and the school's development toward increased teacher skills and student achievement.

Professional Development

Chairperson Sandra Wood said winning the award is a major accomplishment for the school district.

"It feels like winning the national championship for the students," Wood said. "It has made an impact on the classroom and the community."

The program began five years ago and has recognized 32 schools for their achievements.

North Nodaway was not the only school in the state of Missouri to win the award. Ridge Elementary School in Ellisville and the North Kansas City School District were presented the award as well. The award is given to five schools in the nation each year.

North Nodaway is the first rural school district to win the award.

Wood said the school district has received national attention.

"We are getting calls from others, wondering what we do," Wood said.

Wood said the involvement of people was one the reasons why the school district won the award.

"Everything has been tremendous," Wood said. "We've had a lot of support from the community and School Board."

Investigation continues in girl's death

By DANNY BURNS
DAILY ONLINE MANAGING EDITOR

Almost five weeks since the body of 15-year-old Sarah McCoy was found, Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins said the case is still active and ongoing.

On Dec. 5, McCoy's body was found in a creek bed north of Gower, Mo., near County Road DD in Clinton county. She had been missing since Dec. 3 after her father returned to the family's rural Easton, Mo., home to find the front door open and his daughter's keys lying on the ground.

On Dec. 7, a 16-year-old was charged in the kidnapping of McCoy and remains in custody. Calls to juvenile authorities were not returned.

"There are a lot of things going on daily with different agencies," Scroggins said. "But it's investigative work that doesn't yield a lot of public information."

The official cause of death has not been released and will not until the case goes to trial, Scroggins said.

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Torchrunners

An assembly was held for Nowland yesterday morning, where each homeroom made gifts for Nowland, such as a good luck pillow, among other things, and presented them to Nowland.

Teachers also wrote a song for Nowland to the tune of "Jingle Bells," and performed it for him.

"He's a great principal because

he's just like one of the students, he's someone who you can always stop and talk to," said eighth grader Nicole Dean.

The entire school will travel to St. Joseph to watch Nowland bear the torch Thursday morning. The school will be taking 10 buses, and MMS assistant principal Peggy Schieber, who organized the assembly and trip, said nothing like this has ever happened before.

"This is truly a major accomplishment for us to be taking

the entire school out on one trip," Schieber said. "It's great that everyone will be down to support him, and to make the kids aware of how important this is."

Ever humble, Nowland, an experienced runner and veteran of one marathon, is still quiet about his accomplishment.

"I didn't want to draw too much attention to it, but I am very honored," Nowland said.

"Anytime we have an event that brings the whole school together,

and both the kids and teachers are very excited, that's really neat to see."

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Former Northwest student Laurie DenOuden, 23, also fits the characteristics of inspiration, as well as overcoming adversity. DenOuden also participated as a torchrunner in the relay as it passed through Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday.

DenOuden, a St. Joseph native

and graduate of Northwest, is currently in recovery from supratentorial glioma, a rare life-threatening brain tumor. She was nominated to be a torchrunner by her mother, Christine.

"I actually didn't expect that I would be chosen, but it happened," DenOuden said. "I'm very proud to be doing this, I'm just a little worried about the running part, since I haven't run in a while."

DenOuden's parents, Bob and Christine, traveled to Kansas City to watch her participate in the relay

along with numerous family and friends.

"It's a great honor to be able to do this, and it's very special since I was nominated by my family," DenOuden said. "Family and friends make it so much more important."

DenOuden, who currently lives in Kansas City, is an administrative assistant for the American Cancer Society.

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OUR VIEW

New year

The Missourian looks toward a new semester with new goals, objectives, asks for feedback

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2002 is here. As the new year begins, *The Missourian* is gearing up for the next trimester with renewed energy.

We've added a weekly columnist, Jed Murr, who will take a closer look at national and international issues. We are planning more investigative and in-depth news stories and features. We are also planning some special sections in the weeks to come.

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NATIONAL VIEW

Economic slump direct result of terrorism, not proposed tax cut

BY N.R. WINDLE

DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. - Before a town hall meeting in Ontario, Calif., Saturday, President George W. Bush defended his tax cut against allegations by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle that it is at least partly responsible for the nation's current economic slump.

Bush vowed, "not over my dead body will they raise your taxes." He then predicted that critics would try to stop future phases of the tax cut from taking effect.

Bush said, "There are going to be people that say we can't have the tax cut go through anymore. That's a tax raise. And I challenge their economics when they say raising taxes will help the country recover."

Speaking on behalf of Democrats, Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota said that the president's economic proposals would not work. He said the GOP is "proposing more tax cuts, mostly for the affluent and big corporations."

In his response Saturday Bush said, "Somebody told me the funniest thing. They said, 'There's some in Washington saying that the tax cut caused the recession.' I don't know what economic textbook they're reading."

He claimed that tax cuts have the opposite effect. He said, "If you think the economy is going to slow down, the best way to recover is to let people have their own money in their pockets to spend, not the government."

Bush went on to blame the Sept. 11 attacks for the current economic slump. He said, "There is no question that the attacks of Sept. 11 hurt our economy. I mean, there is no question about it — the attacks affected the confidence of the American people."

While squabbling over the economy may seem petty in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, recent polls show that most voters are more concerned about the economy than they are about terrorism.

This makes Bush's tax cut an important issue considering the crucial midterm congressional elections at the end of this year that could tip the balance of power in the currently Democrat-controlled Senate or the Republican-led House of Representatives. While Bush is not yet running a campaign for re-election, losing the House could hurt his chances of pursuing his agenda during the rest of his term in office.

I tend to agree with Bush on this issue. The Democratic attempts to blame the current economic slowdown on the tax cut are nothing more than shameful political opportunism. Bush is right in saying that our current economic problems are a direct result of terrorism.

In a time when the confidence of the American people is lacking, a tax cut that puts money back into the pockets of consumers is necessary to get our economy back on track and restore some of that confidence.

However, I believe the current debate over a tax cut is a good thing. It is a sign that our country is hopefully beginning to recover from the devastation of Sept. 11.

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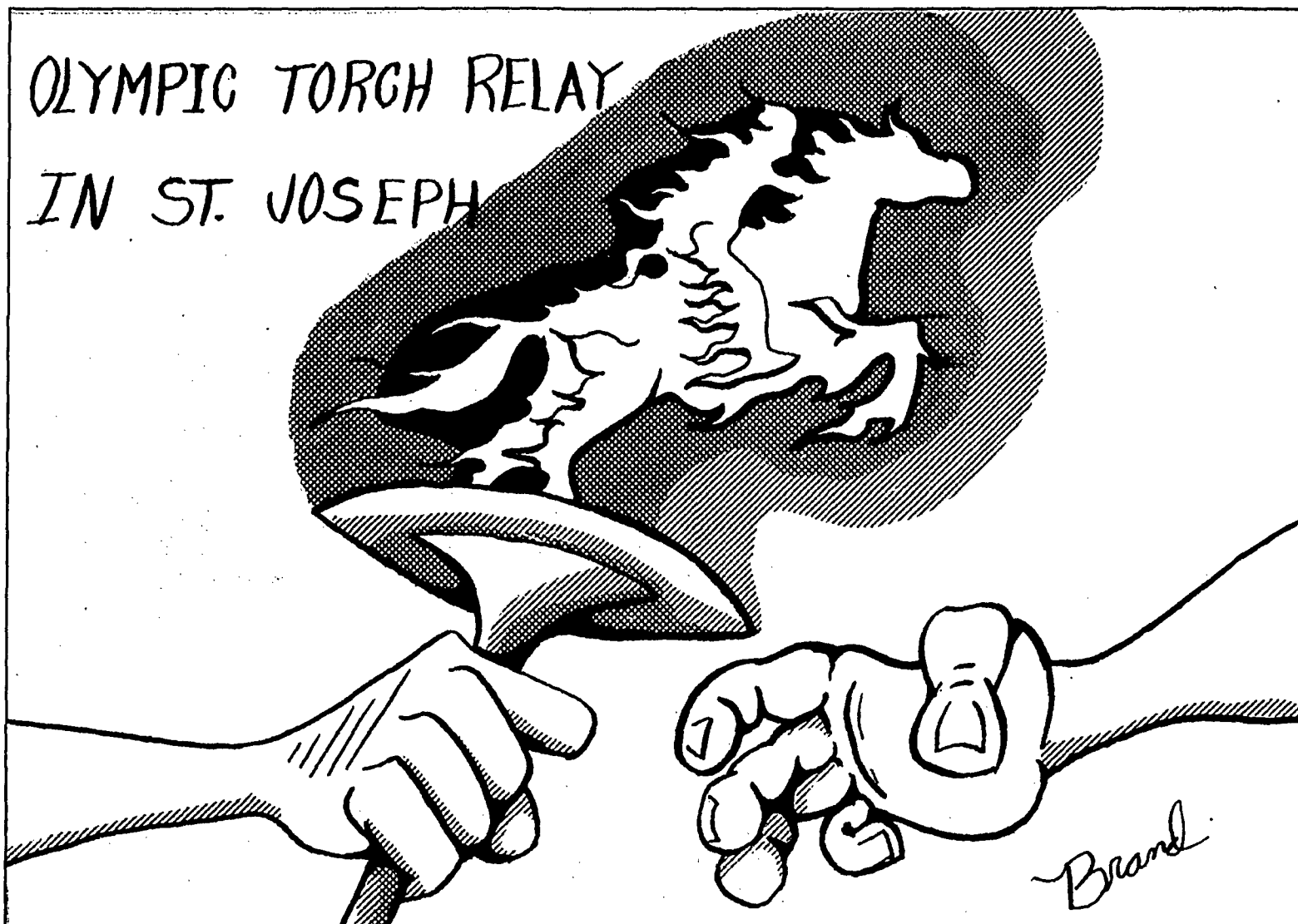
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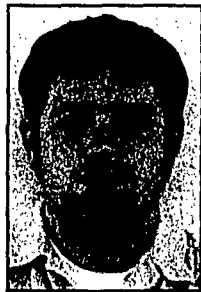
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THE FIRE THIS TIME

Americans become own media



JED MURR
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

Since the horrific events of Sept. 11, Americans have been saturated by constant news coverage of everything surrounding the attacks and their aftermath. Everyone seems to agree that these times are incredibly important and Americans are more concerned than they have been in decades about the state of the world.

Even pop stars—not the most socially conscious group these days—reacted well: U2's Bono organized a revamped version of Marvin Gaye's classic "What's Going On." The song was meant as a wake-up call about world events, specifically the world AIDS crisis, not just a bunch of teen stars fighting for face time.

The song's hook is not as simple as it seems. At its most powerful, driven by Gaye's pained vocals and images of Vietnam and civil rights deaths, the song is a call to look beyond convention into the realities of a divided, struggling country.

So, what is really going on? Unfortunately, most of the mainstream U.S. media is denying Americans their right to honest and accurate information. However, in the past few months,

scholars and award-winning journalists from all over the world have been reporting varying sides to the "New War" on terrorism—perspectives that are intentionally left out or slipped into the back pages by the U.S. press.

If our media is failing us and our rights, it's our responsibility to become the media—to research, consider, and report varying, thoughtful perspectives on our national life. With that in mind, I'll seek out those underreported stories in the coming months for *The Missourian*.

So, what is really going on? What aren't we being told? Here are a few examples:

On Oct. 26, at the beginning of a recession and the anthrax scare, the House of Representatives voted themselves a 14 percent pay raise, which means they've had a 48 percent pay raise in one decade. How much has your pay gone up in the last decade?

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Company used scare tactics to pass a bill that defines terrorism so broadly that a union laborer fighting for workers' rights or a peaceful environmental protester can be labeled a terrorist, not

to mention that it limits the freedoms that we're supposed to be protecting from terrorism.

Thousands of documented civilian deaths continue to take place because of U.S. bombing in Afghanistan, but most U.S. media sources won't report them. Human Rights Watch, London's *The Guardian*, *The Toronto Globe & Mail* and other world news sources are reporting that non-Taliban women and children are being blown to pieces.

One of the most valuable freedoms Americans have is the right and the responsibility to be informed and take an active role in government. Hopefully, by addressing these issues and many more in the coming months, this column will give readers diverse viewpoints that they may not normally get to see.

As Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis once said: "The function of the press is very high ... almost holy. It ought to serve as a forum for the people, through which the people may know freely what is going on."

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NATIONAL VIEW

The recent surge of patriotism borders on consumerism

BY BOB WARRING

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENNSYLVANIA)

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA - Apparently, I'm a bad American.

Since the attacks of Sept. 11, I haven't purchased a single car, applied for any new credit cards or even donned one of those T-shirts with an eagle on it. Actually, I'd say that if one thing in my life has certainly not changed in the wake of the terrorist attacks, it's been my spending practices. I never seem to have much money anyway, so maybe it's irrelevant. But, nonetheless, I'm worried-with Americans like me, how in the world are the rest of you supposed to "keep America running?"

Sure, I have always thought that patriotism was a rather curious thing to begin with, but I can wave a flag with the best of them. ("Rocky IV," "Glory" and "Saving Private Ryan" are among my favorite movies.) I do think that patriotism is too often an excuse not to think, but my latest gripe isn't with patriotism per se. It's with patriotism's recent marriage to consumerism.

While who-knows-how-many bodies remain under the rubble of the World Trade Center, already we've trodden all over what should be sacred ground. Watch some prime time television and I bet you will find it's easier to count the commercials that don't contain an American flag or an allusion to the American spirit (which, by the way, is either so heavy or cumbersome that only Ford trucks are strong enough to carry it.)

Go to your local mall and just count the number of vendors peddling "Remember the Towers" and "American Spirit" T-shirts. Since Sept. 11, we have indeed established a new, disturbing value: patriotism equals consumerism.

Granted, math was never my strong point, but something here doesn't quite add up. When did I have to buy my Americanness? I'm a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant (Baptist-it counts), I played a little baseball in high school and I can put away apple pie like it's nobody's business. If it were 1962, I'd be on a poster somewhere.

But now that's all changed. You no longer need my crew cut and blue eyes to be "a real American." This is a good

thing. Instead you need to associate your needs and goals with those of big business. This is a bad thing.

Why is it, that in the recent economic downturn, as in most recessions, it's the profit margins of big business that must remain untouchable and holy, while workers (surprise, surprise!) have proved all too expendable?

Now, before I get a flood of e-mails from a certain business school, let me defend myself. I understand the fundamentals of capitalism (I did take Economics I and II), and I agree that one of the largest disservices we can do ourselves as Americans is to let the World Trade Center attack disrupt our way of life, including our purchasing decisions.

But how dare these companies play on our grief-inspired patriotism to sell their products as they lay off masses of workers? How patriotic is that? If we were really united (you know, like that airline whose pilots were on strike last year), couldn't these businesses make a greater effort to ensure we get through this together and employed?

I don't see why patriotism must be the burden of the common person. What we're talking about here is the difference between keeping corporate profits high and joblessness and financial ruin for individual people and families. In times of crisis, who really has the power here to step forth and "keep America running?" The jobless?

I will admit I'm no Economics major. (To be perfectly honest, I didn't even do so hot in Economics I and II). I know I might be asking firms to forgo rational self-interest for a while, but at worst, it's no more than what they are asking of me.

But let's put the economics aside and remember the real tragedy here. Thousands of people died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. Many of their families will never even have the closure of a proper burial. Allusions to this grief, no matter how oblique, have no place in marketing unless all profits from those sales are going toward whatever limited comfort money can bring to the victims' families.

So, let's all be good Americans. You don't have to spend more, although a donation to the September 11 Fund or American Red Cross wouldn't hurt. But whatever you choose to do, just don't do it with a flag covering your eyes.

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MY VIEW

Insane hours, no sleep worth experience

MARJIE KOSMAN
EDITOR IN CHIEF

I was recently asked why I spend countless hours and many sleepless nights in the basement of Wells Hall to work on the newspaper.

And now, in the wee hours of the morning, with my eyes bleary from looking at a computer screen for too long and my train of thought derailing as a result of sleep deprivation, I wonder myself. Why am I doing this?

But the answer is simple. Because I love it.

Ever since I was 10 years old, I've known that I wanted to write for the rest of my life. For a while I thought I would be an author of fiction, but when I discovered journalism in high school, I quickly changed my focus.

When it came time to choose a college, I looked at bigger schools

like Mizzou and K State, but when I came to Northwest, I discovered what this school could offer me. Experience. Here, I had the chance to be on the editorial board of a publication my freshman year. At a larger school, I wouldn't even get the chance to be published until at least my junior year.

Of course, entering college, I had no idea how much the basement of Wells Hall would take over my life. I began as the editorial assistant of *Heartland View* magazine and was sucked further and further into the world of student publications. I quickly moved into bigger and better leadership positions until I became editor in chief this semester.

I was excited to take the job, even though it meant less sleep, more stress and more responsibility. But

I also get to spend the majority of my days feeding my passion. Who could possibly ask for more?

The late nights aren't that bad because as anyone who has lived with me knows, I'm a night owl. I would much rather stay up late to get something done and sleep-in in the morning. Some weirdos will actually go to bed when they are tired and get up early in the morning to finish a project or paper. These people fascinate me. How anyone can function before 10 a.m. is beyond me.

When people find out the hours I work at Wells, I often get a look of disgust and they ask, "How can you do that?" I just shrug and smile, because there is no way they could understand what journalism means to me and why I've dedicated my college career to learning

as much as I can about my field. Ask any art, music or broadcasting major, they understand.

I admit, sometimes I feel like a dork when one of the girls in my sorority asks why I can't go to a mixer on a Wednesday night and I tell her I'm working on the newspaper. But then I just remember everything the basement has given me.

It taught me how to manage my time and stress, it provided me with friends and even a couple of dates. I've learned more about journalism than any class could ever teach me. It also taught me how to have fun at work and how to produce a quality publication.

And there's nothing that could make me miss those experiences.

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YOUR VIEW

What are you looking forward to at this year's Winter Olympics?

Missy Alfrey
Recreational therapy major

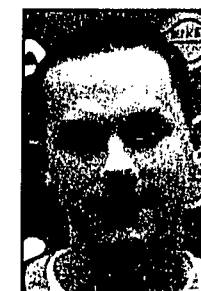
"I am looking forward to the figure skating competitions. Hopefully the United States will do very well this year."

Emily Elder
History major

"Finally, a good sporting event where the athletes don't gripe and complain about salary. Also, where all the athletes showing patriotism for whatever their country of origin."

Ben Fields
Speech communications major

"I like skiing, I expect professional skiers like Tommy Moe and Dan Hoyd to clean up the slopes this year."

Mike Vonnahme
Accounting major

"I look forward to the United States dominating on our home soil. They are fun to watch, and they will bring our country together."

Jennifer Seaman
Political science major

"I am looking forward to ice skating because it is the most popular sport. It is interesting to see what people can do on ice that seems impossible."

MY VIEW

Editor fails to make 'delivery girl' cut

LAURA PEARL
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

When I reached Maryville's city limits Friday morning, I came to a sort of revelation. Okay, actually I came to two revelations.

First, I couldn't help but look around at each street corner, curve, rental house and church with an appreciation that only a second-trimester Northwest senior can have. Everything started to fall into the "memories" section of my brain with high school graduation, prom and dozens of elementary school moments.

It shouldn't be long before I'm talking about "back when I was in college." I can feel myself instinctively cringe.

As I drove past Wells Hall, I came to my second realization: I've been in denial for some time. Ever since I began working with *The Missourian*, I have helped deliver newspapers to local residents; and during these two years, I have yet to master the fine art of map-reading and

paper tossing while driving.

So I guess this little space is my only means of confession. You are the first to know that, yes, I can find any given street and, no, I do not have the ability to find houses within a city block without some serious help. Not while holding papers and keeping my car on the pavement anyway.

Large house numbers do the trick for me sometimes, but I need more than a decorative number to keep me on the road when I'm sandwiched between an SUV and a slow-moving pickup, with a map and four newspapers on my lap.

So I have enlisted the help of a friend in my quest to be a competent paper delivery person, and the results have been astonishing. My papers land in precisely the correct locations (most of the time), and my car has been spared an untimely death.

And yet I still think of myself as a

paper delivery person, and I'm just now beginning to question this job description. A true papergirl would never take the passenger seat and yet I know community *Missourian* subscribers would prefer I stick to my "shotgun" spot if it means they will get their papers.

So I guess I'll continue to ride "shotgun" with my papers by my side, if that means I'll be keeping myself and other unsuspecting drivers from inevitable destruction. Besides, the few times I have ventured off solo on my paper routes, I've had the distinct impression that it's just not my calling.

For instance, take the warm fall day when I set off on foot to walk the small 22-paper route the editorial board route coordinator graced me with once last trimester. On that particular day, a bird flying through the beautiful October sky dropped a message into my hair, loud and clear.

Or maybe the five cars tailing my Escort down First Street last March as I attempted the "drive and drop" should have clued me in to my true calling—passenger paper placement.

And so, as I head into my final trimester at the University, I don't plan to upset this balance I've achieved. Just like some people are made for the stage, some for the screen and some for the office, I am most certainly made to ride "shotgun" through Maryville while my colleagues set out, lists of addresses and maps in hand, and guide their cars to precise locations.

But then again, maybe they've just never sampled life in the driver's seat, heads freshly sprinkled with bird "gift" and eyes that can't seem to find the right driveways.

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MY VIEW

Concert cancellation hits editor, friends hard

CLARK GRELL
CHIEF REPORTER

Ever had one of those moments when you were so excited about something, only to be punched in the chest by a setback? It happens to everybody and it happened to me before Christmas break.

A couple of friends and I had tickets to the legendary band Aerosmith, who was scheduled to play at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. It was to be a great night and a great way to end my first trimester at Northwest. It was my Christmas present to myself.

Two months earlier, I told one of my friends, Adam, about Aerosmith coming to Kansas City. He was excited as much as I was and agreed we should go.

It sounded like a plan, but there was a problem. A big problem. The concert was during finals week for me and for him at Kansas State. We ignored what could happen and bought tickets to the concert anyway. A week later we had the tick-

ets in our hands.

This was no ordinary band. This was Aerosmith. One of the greatest bands of all time. Everybody on earth owns at least one Aerosmith CD. When the news broke that they were coming to the Midwest, it seemed too good to be true.

We waited patiently as time went by. We even had a countdown. Forty-two days ... 29 days ... 17 days ... nine days ... Oh yeah, we are in single digits ... three days.

Finally, Dec. 13 had come. Adam drove from Manhattan, Kan., to Maryville that day. We met up with our other friend, Tony, and were set to go. Finals were done and it was time to listen to some good ol' rock 'n' roll.

We started the drive down Interstate 29 en route to Kansas City. We stopped to eat at Wendy's in Platte City. We could feel the excitement building. I could see Steven Tyler singing "Love in an Elevator," and

"Dream On."

After getting a good bite to eat, we were ready to get back on I-29 and continue our quest. And then it happened. The radio announced that the concert had been cancelled because Steven Tyler had an "illness." Somehow he had vocal chord problems. In my opinion, his "illness" was probably a small headache and the fact that he has never heard of Kansas City.

The mood among us changed as fast as the cars zooming down the Interstate. We all looked at each other with nothing to say. It was too unbelievable to be true. We had to stop in a hotel parking lot to calm ourselves down and then finally we got back on I-29, this time going north instead of south. It was a long drive back to Maryville and our spirits were shattered.

An event that we were looking so forward to never happened. Now, Steven Tyler has three guys that

have known each other since kindergarten hot on his trail. He's got the wrong people mad at him. Of course, he's a rock star and doesn't care about us.

I would give Steven Tyler a free subscription to *The Northwest Missourian* so he would read this and know how much we dislike his band now.

I have boycotted all Aerosmith CDs and I even have to mute the TV when those Dodge truck commercials come on playing "Just Push Play." I get a bitter taste in my mouth just hearing the name Aerosmith.

The anger is built up inside of me and I will not rest until Aerosmith circles Kansas City on their map (if they even know where it is) and play to a jam-packed arena.

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MY VIEW

Christmas gift results in flame of trouble

TRISHA THOMPSON
COPY EDITOR

I was caught. Yes, I know it's hard to believe that I did something wrong. But I admit now, before all of Northwest and Maryville, that I am guilty.

It all started when I arrived at my dorm after a long, relaxing holiday break. There it was. Right next to my scented candle (Grandma's Sugar Cookies) on my desk, a little slip of yellow paper sitting on my desk that led to the predicament I'm in.

In big letters across the top the note read, "During break closing, you were found in violation of the following University policies." And then a big check by the category of candle-incense was marked. The note went on to say, "You will be

receiving a letter from the hall director after break concerning the violation."

Now, anyone who lives in the dorms knows the candle policy. There are at least 10 different signs proclaiming, "No Candle or Incense Burning" (there is even one with Smoky the Bear on it. Remember him?) throughout any given floor in the building.

I'm pretty sure the candle policy is also written in legal-ease somewhere in the vast amount of information contained in our handy-dandy student planners.

Plus, anyone with common sense would know that it is really not such a good idea to burn things

in a building where more than 300 people live.

So, I really can't claim ignorance. So, now what? What should I say to my hall director? Why *did* I insist on burning that candle?

Many different excuses have entered my mind since I got "the note."

At first I thought I could convince the hall director that it was the dark, evil demon living inside my soul that made me light the candle. But I was pretty sure that if I tried to explain that to her, I wouldn't be able to keep a straight face. (I'm a bad liar.)

Then it occurred to me that I could blame it on the scent of the candle, aromatherapy and all that.

That had to be the answer.

Or wait ... what candle? What was Grandma doing in my dorm room baking sugar cookies?

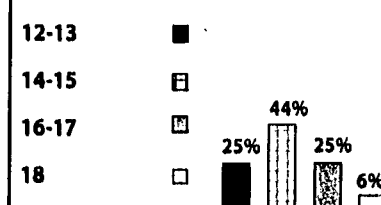
But then I came to the only logical conclusion and had to blame it on my roommate, Laura. After all, she's the one that gave me the darn thing as a Christmas gift.

Readers, beware. If you happen to find yourself in the same sort of situation I am in, remember, the only logical conclusion is to make the roommate the scapegoat. This solution, however, is not guaranteed with every hall director. Use it at your own risk.

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Last week's poll:
How many hours are you taking this semester?



This week's poll:
How much did you have to pay for supplemental textbooks this semester?

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 ■ Auditions for "Parallel Lives," 7-10 p.m., MLPAC stage
 ■ Nodaway County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Courthouse annex
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MONDAY

■ Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, noon, Wesley Center
 ■ Auditions for spring movie project, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., Wells Hall TV Studio
 ■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m., Wesley Center
 ■ Eating Disorders Self-Help/Support Group meeting, 8 p.m.-9 p.m., Colden Hall 2630

FRIDAY

■ Last date to receive 100 percent refund for dropped classes
 ■ Last date to receive 75 percent refund for dropped first block classes
 ■ Great Plains Vegetable Conference, Ramada Inn, St. Joseph
 ■ Auditions for spring theater productions, 6:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

TUESDAY

■ First installment due Leadership Northwest MO Program, St. Joseph

SATURDAY

■ Praxis, 8 a.m., Colden Hall third floor
 ■ Great Plains Vegetable Conference, St. Joseph
 ■ Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing Preview Day, noon-5 p.m., Northwest campus

WEDNESDAY

■ Annual Four-state Beef Conference, 10 a.m., St. Joe Frontier Casino, St. Joseph
 ■ Faculty Senate meeting, 3:15 p.m., Administration Building shared conference room
 ■ Pre-law Society meeting, 4 p.m., Colden Hall 3950
 ■ Alpha Omega Society Greeks for Christ, 9 p.m., Roberta Hall Lounge

SUNDAY

■ Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship, registration 12:30 p.m., competition 1 p.m., St. Gregory's Multipurpose Center
 ■ Open gym (students fifth-grade and above), 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Maryville High School gym

THURSDAY

■ Annual Four-State Beef Conference, St. Joseph
 ■ Focus on Kid's Program for Divorcing Parents, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, noon and 8 p.m., Wesley Center

PUBLIC SAFETY

Jan. 3
 ■ Rodney L. Thompson, 43, Maryville, was making a right turn onto South Avenue from a private drive. Thompson was traveling south on South Munn. Vester K. Miller, 59, Maryville, entered the intersection and struck Thompson. Miller was issued a summons for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 1600 block of East First that someone had entered the business damaging items and taking money.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had entered his residence in the 600 block of East First, damaging the door.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her diamond bracelet had been lost or stolen.

Jan. 4
 ■ While on patrol in the 400 block of East Third, an officer observed a vehicle traveling over the speed

limit. The vehicle was stopped in the 400 block of North Davis. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Jennifer M. Hannigan, 22, Maryville. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a summons for exceeding the posted speed limit.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her license plate tabs had been taken from her vehicle while parked in the 1600 block of South Main.

■ An officer received a report from a male that someone had damaged several items in his residence in the 600 block of North Fillmore.

Jan. 5
 ■ An officer received a report of a fight in the 400 block of North Market. Upon arrival, Joseph K. Brenner, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for disorderly conduct. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he was placed on a 12-hour detox.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Thompson. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Kurby R. Wilmes, 26, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Nodaway County Jail.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he had been assaulted while in the 1600 block of South Main. The case is still under investigation.

Jan. 6
 ■ While on patrol on North Fillmore, an officer observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at Fillmore and Ninth. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of West Ninth. The driver of the vehicle was identified as John G. Spielbusch, 23, Maryville. While speaking with him an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests, which he could not

successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit.

■ Andrew C. Spire was parked in a private drive in the 700 block of North Buchanan, when the vehicle rolled down the hill striking a tree and the residence.

BIRTHS

Aiden David Cullin

Chad and Amanda Cullin, Clyde, are the parents of Aiden David, born Jan. 3 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and joins one brother, Alias.

His maternal grandparents are Linda Moore, Smithville; Gary Moore, Jefferson City; and Kent and Lisa Nigh, Princeta. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Tess Cullin, Farragut, Iowa.

Maternal great-grandparents are John and Ann Griswold, Unionville; and Doyle and Nadeen Nigh, Bethany. Paternal great-grandparents are Donny and Kathy Laumann, Farragut, Iowa; and Marge Cullin, Farragut, Iowa.

Graves visits Maryville



Rep. Sam Graves discusses the Farm Bill and how important agriculture is. He spoke during the Northwest Missouri Corn Growers meeting Wednesday.

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Benjamin Darren Clements

Darren and Angee Clements are the parents of Benjamin Darren, born Jan. 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins two brothers, Bradie and Blake.

His maternal grandparents are Robert and Roberta Aley, Maryville. Paternal grandparents are Richard Clements, Pickering; and Learita Clements, Pickering.

Paternal great-grandparent is Helen Clements, Maryville.

DEATHS

William Johnston

William Andrew "Bill" Johnston, 73, Skidmore, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Nov. 14, 1928 near Burlington Junction.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Cochran and Cathy Kaufman; one son, Kevin; two sisters, Frieda Tunell and Joan McGinness; one brother, Maurice; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Barbara Carr.

Services were Jan. 5 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Burial was in Burlington Jct. in Ohio Cemetery.

Juanita Patterson

Juanita Patterson, 92, Graham, died Friday, Jan. 4, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 30, 1909, in Liberal, Kan.

She is survived by a son, Leland; and four daughters, Belva Howard, Loretta Mills, Jo Ann Long, and Juanita Vassar; 27 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Private family services were Jan. 7 at the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Prairie Home Cemetery in Graham.

John Kieser

John Roy Kieser, 79, Maryville, died Saturday, Jan. 5, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Cosby.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Ann; two sons, Jan and Mark; a stepson, Kirtley Thomas; a stepdaughter, Kathy Wiseman; and two step-grandchildren, Josh and Seth Wiseman.

Services were Jan. 9 at the Maryville First Baptist Church and Nodaway Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Maryville. Kieser was cremated.

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Money Matters

Budget for what you need,
plan for what you want

By Ann Harman
Features Editor

Christmas is over. No more gluttonous visits to family. No more presents that need unwrapping. Except for the extra 10 pounds around the middle, nothing is left to remind us of the Christmas season, right?

Not exactly. Many people have already received those forgotten about credit

card bills and more are surely on the way. While the gifts might have seemed perfect at the time, going \$100 beyond the price limit is starting to bite back.

Fortunately, it is not too late to set a budget and get headed toward a zero-balance existence.

According to Dale A. Tar's book, "Personal Money Management," consumers

need to consider three things when planning finances.

First, think about this question: What do I want my money to do for me?

The answer may seem obvious, but is really more difficult to determine than some may realize. For instance, a family has to decide if having a fancy car is more important than a nice vacation. Or if an expensive house comes before basic survival needs, such as enough food to eat.

Each family needs to decide

what is most important for everyday life.

Next, a budget needs to be designed to decide how much money goes to certain areas, such as savings, food and insurance. Each member of a family who makes money toward the entire family's budget should help decide how money is used.

Finally, all this planning will work best if the budget is followed. Spending on impulse pitters away the money reserve faster than one might think. Avoid shopping when hungry, for instance, to greatly reduce this risk.

Unfortunately for students, creating a budget is not so cut and dry. Many times income is sparse and determining how to make the dollar stretch can be more difficult.

Jason White, finance instructor and sponsor of Students in Free Enterprise, understands that students sometimes have a hard time understanding where their money goes.

"Find out what you really spend each month," White said. "We don't put it all together on a single sheet of paper and see what it costs us to live."

White advises that writing checks helps students see exactly how much money is going where and what expenses can be cut down or eliminated completely.

Just like everyone else, students may have to face several hundred dollars in credit card bills after the holidays. Some students might qualify for lower interest rates, but there are other ways to get out of debt.

"Digging yourself out of a hole is tough," White said. "It's important that you make more than the minimum payment."

Another way to lower debt is to wisely utilize unexpected income, such as tax returns or inheritance.

"The best thing (students) can

do is, if you've got a credit card debt, pay it down," White said. "It all goes back to planning."

White also argues that students can live without a lot of frivolous spending on things such as cars and entertainment.

"If you're racking up \$2,000 a year in student loans and you're going out and buying frivolous things, I don't think that's a good idea," White said. "I don't think college students need a 2002 vehicle. I don't think they need an Xbox, a Playstation and a Gamecube."

White said if something is affordable then go for it, with affordable meaning a purchase that can be made in cash.

Students and white-collar workers alike come across unexpected expenses at some time.

A common cliché included in Tar's book is pay yourself first. A savings account is always good in order to save for big expenses such as vacations, Christmas, a new home or car repairs.

"Start stockin' that money away so that when Christmas comes, you're ready," White said.

COMMON MONEY MANAGEMENT MISTAKES

- No spending plan.
- No cash reserve.
- Too much use of credit.
- Non-constructive use of windfalls.
- No provisions for large expenses.
- Underestimating the cost of ownership.
- Spending leaks.
- Careless shopping habits.
- Not saving small amounts.
- "Can't wait" attitude.

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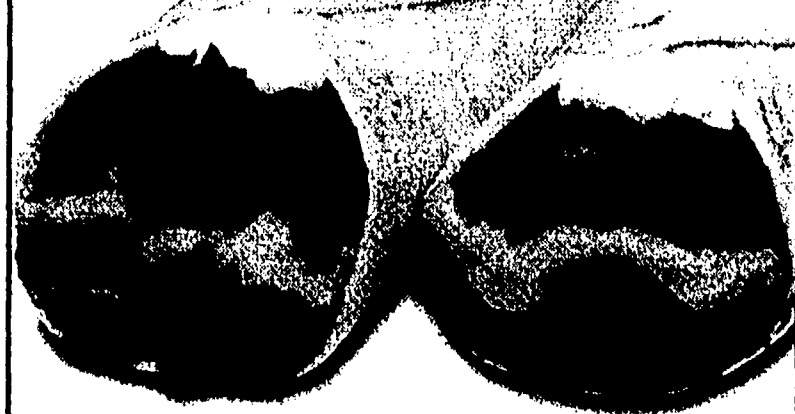
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Northwest men's basketball

Defense moves 'Cats to 12-0

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

Continuing their winning ways, the fifth-ranked Northwest men's basketball team is standing alone at the top of the MIAA conference with a 4-0 record.

The 'Cats remained unbeaten on the year as they picked up their 12th victory over Truman State Bulldogs at Bearcat Arena Wednesday night.

"Being ranked makes us a bigger target," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "It doesn't make us overconfident, but it does make other teams more determined."

The 'Cats went into Wednesday's game with the memory of last year's upsetting loss to the Bulldogs on their mind.

The 'Cats headed into the locker room after a sloppy first half with a 37-33 lead over the 2-9 Bulldogs after trailing for most of the first half.

Northwest came out strong in the second half as they quickly jumped out to an 11-point lead. The Bulldogs

gradually fought their way back reducing the 'Cats' lead to five with 2:36 left to go in regulation before sophomore Kelvin Parker hit a three-pointer and put the 'Cats up 70-62, putting a victory out of the Bulldogs' grasp.

Junior Scott Fleming, who was the game's leading scorer with 21 points, sealed the 'Cats' 74-65 victory by hitting two from the line with 11 seconds left.

Northwest started their conference schedule last week with victories over Emporia State and Pittsburg State.

Monday night the 'Cats traveled to St. Joseph to do battle with conference rival the Griffins of Missouri Western State College.

During the first half, Northwest stayed on top of the Griffins, but the Griffins came out strong in the second half and took a 54-53 lead with 8:48 left.

With less than six minutes left in the contest, the score was tied at 60 when the 'Cats went on a 10-2 run to jump ahead 70-62.

Western fought back to cut the lead

to three, before Parker hit a three-pointer with less than a minute left in the game to seal the 'Cats' 76-70 victory, in what was their closest game of the season so far.

A packed house returned to Bearcat Arena Jan. 5 to watch the 'Cats take on the Pittsburg State Gorillas. The Gorillas had a 9-8 lead early in the game, but a three-pointer by senior Jerry Hudson started an 11-0 run by the 'Cats that the Gorillas were never able to recover from as Northwest went on to a 72-56 victory.

"I think that we have a pretty good focus," Tappmeyer said. "Now we are getting into a routine. Every game is a big one now that we are into our conference schedule. I don't think that there is a game on our schedule that we can't win. I know that is a big goal to shoot for. My main goal is to be a team that continues to improve."

The 'Cats' next game is at home Saturday at 3 p.m. against Mo. Southern.

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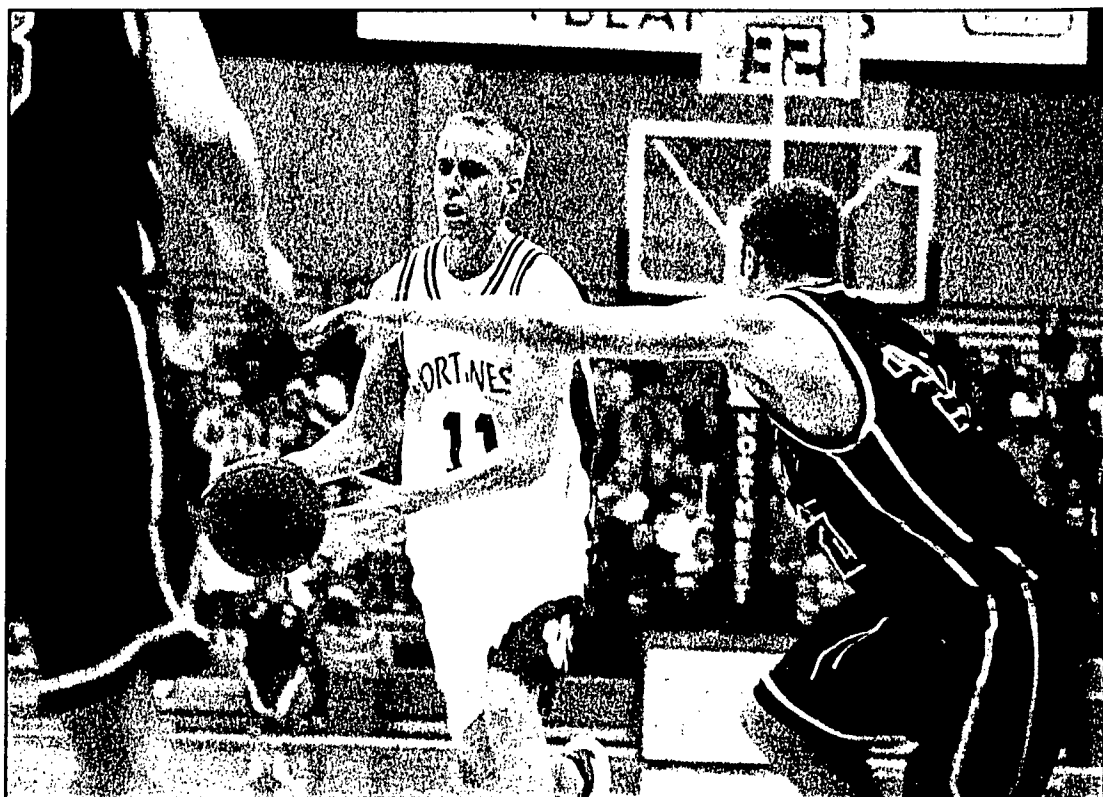


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
Junior guard Scott Fleming looks to find an open man in Wednesday night's 74-65 win over Truman State. Truman ended Northwest's winning streak last year, but that was not the case this year as Northwest moved to 12-0.

Northwest football

Tjeerdsma back for year seven, turns down Northwestern State

By BILL KNUST
ASSIGNMENT EDITOR



MEL TJEERDSMA
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

With football season drawing to a close on every level head coaches are not the only ones recruiting, they are also being recruited.

Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma is no different. In 1998 and 1999 he has spurned offers from other schools to stay at Northwest.

He has also denied another opportunity to leave the Bearcats for Northwestern State in Louisiana.

With five MIAA titles and two National Championships, Tjeerdsma's name is usually mentioned for a job at other Universities each winter.

This winter was no different. Tjeerdsma had a casual interview with the Northwestern State athletic director, but decided moving on was not in his best interest.

Every winter Northwest Athletic Director Dr. Bob Boerigter knows it could be a possibility that Tjeerdsma could be moving up in the coaching world.

"That's one of the situations that comes with having quality people in those positions," Boerigter said. "That's always the challenge. You try to hire good people and then keep them here and help them get better."

Tjeerdsma has taken the Bearcats' football program to new heights since he took over in 1994. He went 0-11 his first year then won back-to-back titles in 1998 and 1999.

Schools do have to talk to Boerigter and get his permission to talk with Tjeerdsma before they can approach him with a job.

"There's a protocol that (pursuing schools) have to follow," Boerigter said. "Eventually, as things come along, conversations do take place between the prospective schools and coach."

Boerigter said a healthy line of communication existed during Tjeerdsma's conversation with Northwestern State.

"I was aware of the fact that he had some discussion with them," Boerigter said. "So we were very much involved with how those discussions were developing and going. Fortunately for the University none of those things materialized, and in the end we were glad that he determined that it didn't look like it would be a good situation for him."

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Northwest women's basketball

Bearcats lose second straight

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest women's basketball team has cooled off after starting conference play read-hot.

The 'Cats lost a tough battle Wednesday night against their conference opponent the Truman State Bulldogs. The 'Cats came out strong in the second half jumping to a 13-point lead. The Bulldogs fought back tying the score at 51 with nine minutes left to go in regulation. The lead wavered until Truman hit a three-pointer to steal the lead from the 'Cats for good. The Bulldogs went on to a 73-64 victory.

"For about seven or 10 minutes there in the second half we just clicked, and then we didn't," said Gene Steinmeyer, women's head basketball coach.

The Missouri State Griffins handed the 'Cat's their first conference loss of the season in St. Joseph Monday night. The Griffins started the game with a 13-0 run that the 'Cats were never able to recover from.

Northwest faced trouble shooting, with only .321 from the field. The 'Cats did not even get on the board until sophomore Brooke Hogue shot a three-pointer nearly four minutes into

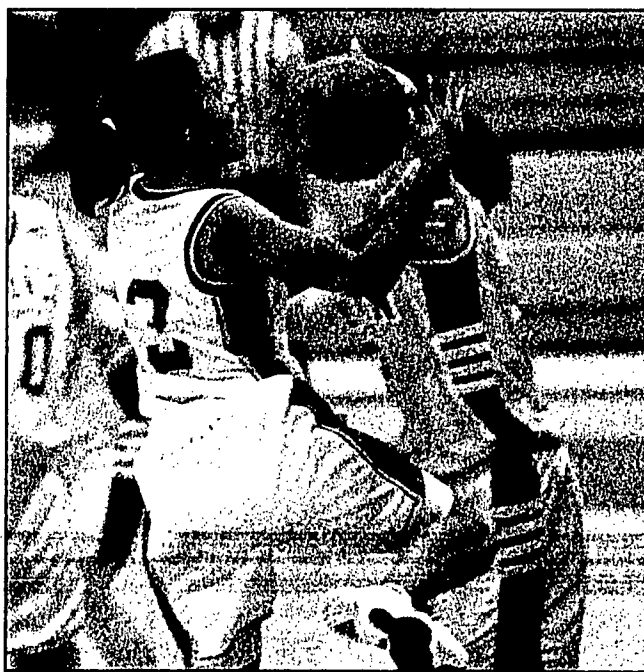


PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR
Sophomore guard Tanesha Fields gets the ball knocked away from her in Wednesday night's 73-64 loss to Truman State. The loss moved the 'Cats to 2-2 in the MIAA after two consecutive losses.

the contest.

The Bearcats started their conference schedule with a victory over the fourth-ranked Emporia State Hornets.

The 'Cats earned their first win over Emporia since the 1996-97 season and marked the Hornets' fifth home loss in the last 90 games. It was Steinmeyer's

first-ever win over Emporia.

The 'Cats' lead for all but two minutes of the contest as they cruised to the 81-66 victory.

Saturday night a capacity crowd gathered at Bearcat arena to watch the 'Cats take on another conference rival, the Pittsburg State Gorillas.

The 'Cats wanted to show to the rest of the conference that their win over Emporia was not a mistake.

"The term fluke has been used around the conference in regards to our win over Emporia," Steinmeyer said. "Not exactly in a negative way, but we want to prove that the win was not a fluke."

Things did not start out well for the 'Cats they were out-shot and out-rebounded as the Gorillas took a 40-28 lead going into the half.

The 'Cats came out strong in the second half. Junior Sara Vollertson hit a jumper to sparked a 10-0 run that gave the 'Cats their first lead with 9:29 remaining in regulation. The game wavered before sophomore Tanesha Fields scored with 6:49 left. The 'Cats never looked back going on to win 79-67.

Maryville boys' basketball

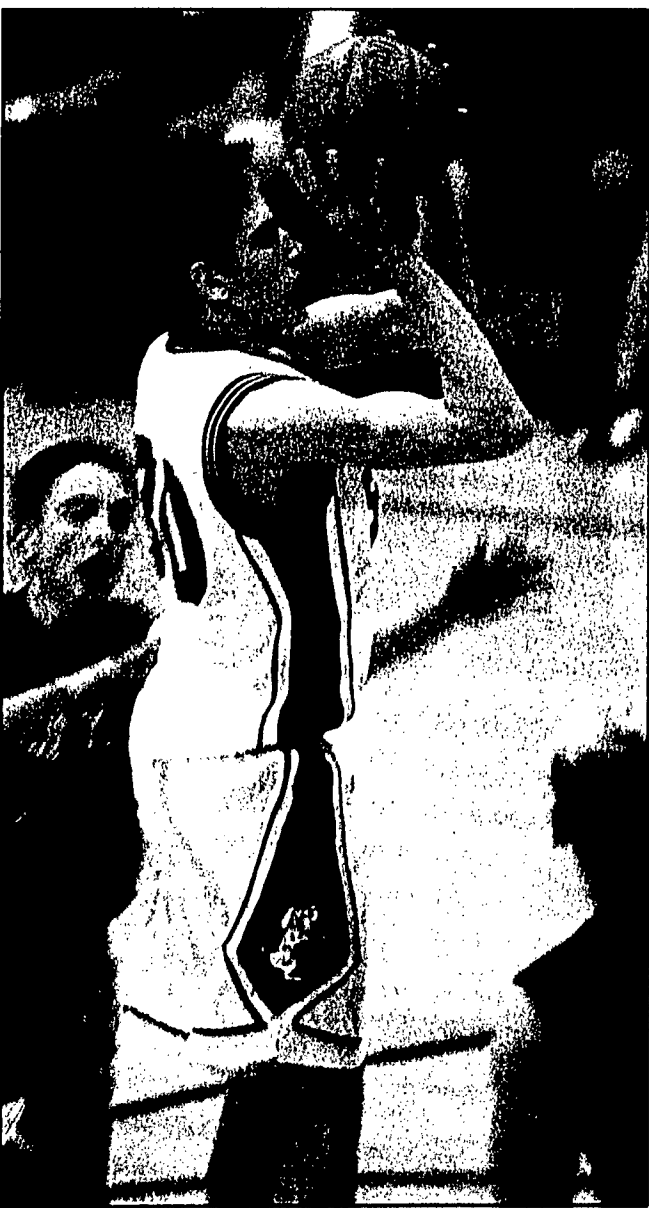


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Freshman forward Josh Wilmes shoots a jump shot from the free throw line in Maryville's 65-24 victory over Falls City, Neb. Wilmes finished the game with 10 points.

'Hounds cruise to first round win in Savannah

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The referees raised their hands 12 times to signal successful 'Hound three-pointers as Maryville dominated Falls City in the first round of the Savannah Invitational Tournament Tuesday.

The 'Hounds continue their quest for the finals against the Kansas City Southeast Knights at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The Knights beat the 'Hounds in the tournament semifinals last year.

The 'Hounds will have to be prepared to play hard in the match, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said.

"They're really quick, so we'll have to play sharp," Kuwitzky said. "We'll have to continue to play great defense and will have to move the ball against their defense to try to get both inside and outside shots."

Even though the 'Hounds are preparing for games by branching out their game plan more as the season progresses, they are still focusing on fundamentals, Kuwitzky said.

"We're examining some new offensive looks and doing some new things," Kuwitzky said. "But we reiterated a bit more that we have to get back to some basics, and that's helping us."

Paving the road to the semifinal match against the Knights was Maryville's victory over the Falls City Tigers.

The 'Hounds dominated the entire game, leading the Knights 15-6 after the first quarter, 36-11 at halftime and then increasing the lead for a 65-24 final score.

The early lead, as well as 36 of the total points, came through a barrage of three-point shots.

In the first quarter, junior Dylan Hurst hit three three-pointers, followed by three more in the second quarter by senior Trent Twaddle.

Twaddle hit two more three-pointers and Hurst added one in the third quarter before they left the game to allow playing time for younger players.

Twaddle lead the team with 17 total points, followed by Hurst with 15, freshman Josh Wilmes with 10, and senior Joey Wilmes with seven.

Even with over half the total points coming from long shots, Kuwitzky was not worried about getting the ball inside the lane more often.

"If we can get it inside, we want to," Kuwitzky said. "But when you're shooting like we are from outside, you want to keep doing it."

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Northwest indoor track and field

Time between meets to help tracksters prep

By JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's and women's track teams have been experiencing some lengthy down time. With the team's next meet scheduled Jan. 19. The time off will help them get back in shape from the semester break.

"We need the time to recondition," said Bill Alsop men's head track coach. "All of our kids are ready to get into competition and they are ready to compete, but we need this time off. So it is really sort of a blessing in disguise."

Women's head coach Vickie Wooton agrees with Alsop.

"The time between meets has its positives and negatives," Wooton said. "It gives those athletes who have nagging injuries time to rest. Track and field is a sport where you need a place to train and with the weather being like it has over break it has been hard to do so. The time off will give athletes a chance to recondition."

Both teams have headed into the season with expectations set high.

The men's team finished second at the indoor conference meets last year and is gunning Central Missouri State University, the defending conference champions.

"The coaches and athletes have a lot of expectation," Alsop said. "We have a good group here. We have returned a good group of hurdlers and throwers returning. CMSU was the indoor champions last year and we are going to do our best to go after them this year. It is just a matter of staying healthy."

The women's team is striving to improve on their fourth place conference finish last year.

"Last year we finished fourth in the conference," Wooton said. "This year we are

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John Stedman	Triple Jump	3rd
Matt North	Shot Put	3rd
Clint Prange	Shot Put	4th
Jamison Phillips	3000 Meter Run	5th
Chad Fowler	One Mile Run	5th
Joel Terry	60 Meter Hurdles	6th
Shawn Sackman	200 Meter Dash	6th
Matt Nippert	3000 Meter Run	7th
Daniel McKim	Weight Throw	7th
Shawn Sackman	60 Meter Dash	8th
WOMEN		
Athlete	Event	Place
Jenny Simmons	Pole Vault	3rd
April House	Long Jump	3rd
Sara Wolff	Weight Throw	4th
Sara Wolff	Shot Put	4th
Leslie Lober	Shot Put	5th
April House	200 Meter Dash	6th
Leslie Lober	Weight Throw	7th
Kadie Campbell	60 Meter Hurdles	8th
April House	60 Meter Dash	8th
Kellie Clifford	60 Meter Dash	9th
	Weight Throw	11th

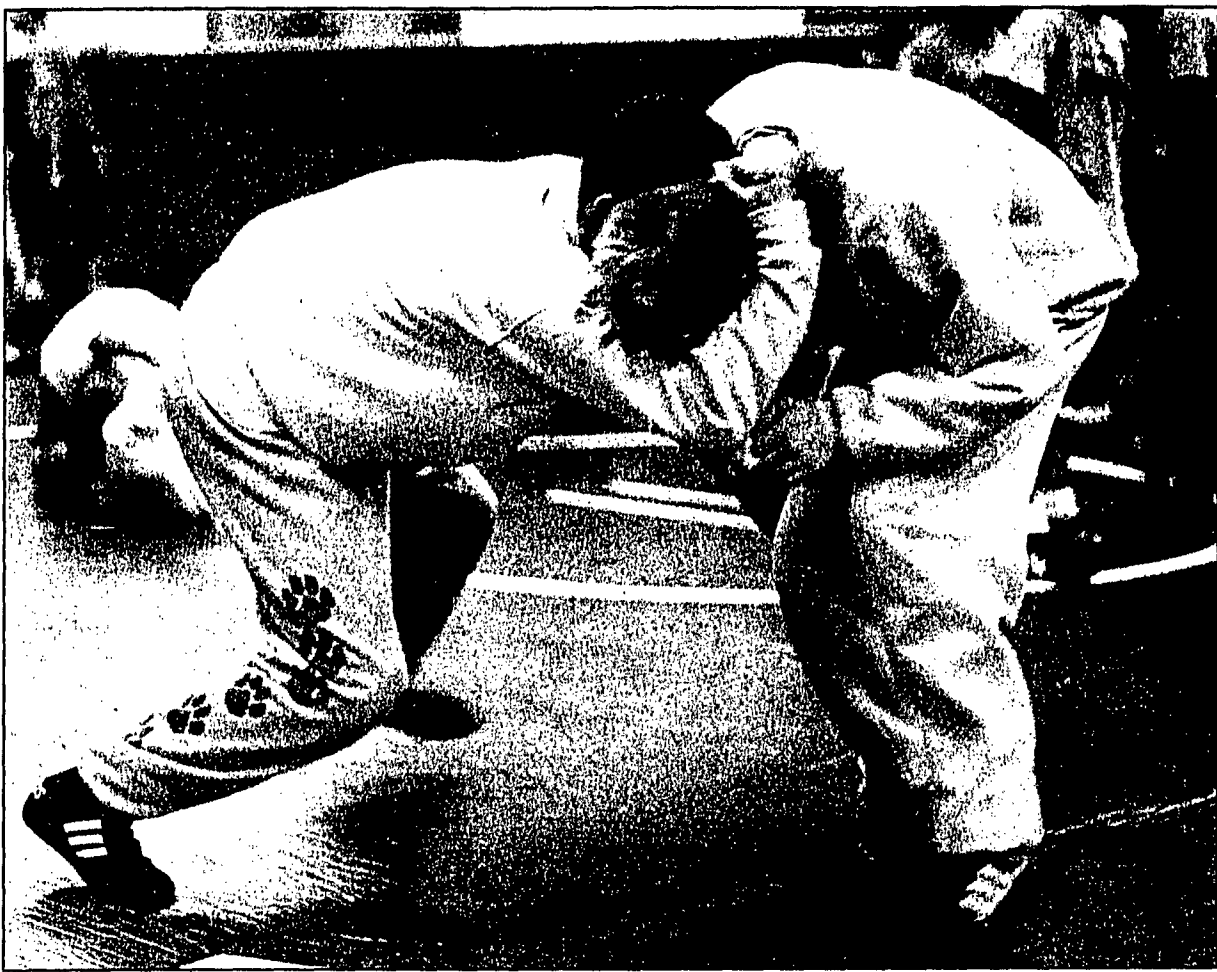
aiming for the top three. We have a lot of freshman that do not have much college track experience, so we are looking to people like April House, Jennie Simmons and Jill Fisher, the upper classman that have a lot of conference experience. It is those athletes that are going to set the tone for the season."

Both programs enjoyed individual success last season sending a number of athletes to the national indoor meet.

"We would like to see April House and as many other athletes as possible qualify for the national indoor meet in Boston," Wooton said.

The two teams will return to action Jan. 19 at the Ward Hallett Invitational at Doan College in Crete, Neb.

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FILE PHOTO

Practice makes perfect. The Maryville Spoofhounds' wrestlers team trains hard in practice this week as they prepare to do battle next week against three of the top-ranked teams in the state.

Grapplers face tough tests

By MATT KENNEDY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The 'Hounds, coming off a 41-25 conference loss Tuesday to Chillicothe, are preparing for a tough week with matches against three state-ranked teams.

The 'Hounds will wrestle the Rockport Bluejays at 7 p.m. Thursday at home before traveling to Plattsburg Saturday to participate in the Plattsburg Tournament.

Three of the participating schools at the tournament, including Plattsburg, are ranked among the top 20 teams in the state.

However, Maryville defeated Plattsburg earlier in the season.

The 'Hounds will have to face these opponents without former starter, junior Josh Wilson, whose season ended with an ACL tear.

"We've been hit pretty hard with illness and injury... but we still have some of the younger kids and we're going to make the best of it that we can," head coach Joe Drake said.

Helping the 'Hounds deal with this is their ability to adapt, Drake said.

"One of the big positives of this team is everyone's willing to sacrifice to help the whole, meaning willingness to change weight classes, make moves and willingness to try whatever it will take for us to win," Drake said.

The 'Hounds, currently with a 3-2 dual meet record and 1-2 record in conference, are looking not only to the upperclassmen, but also the younger athletes for success.

"Our strength is a double-fold thing, as our weakness is that we have six to seven freshman starting

for us," Drake said. "Our strength, then, will be that as these kids come along, we will be much stronger as the season progresses."

The loss to Chillicothe Tuesday saw Maryville win 6-of-14 matches, but only two by pins.

Sophomore Joseph Drake and junior Derek Merrill each pinned their opponents, earning a total of 12 points for the 'Hounds.

The only two senior wrestlers, Jacob Lancaster and C.J. Messner, won their matches, as did junior Evan Durfley and freshman Justin Driskell.

Of the eight matches lost, the 'Hounds were pinned five times and were penalized one point for unsportsmanlike conduct.

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'Hounds prep for Bishop Miege

By ASHLEE ERWIN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Second place is just not cutting it for the Maryville girls' basketball team.

The 'Hounds, 9-6 overall and 0-1 in the Midland Empire Conference, are hoping a small break will give them what it takes to bring home the championship in next week's Bishop Miege Tournament in Kansas City, Kan.

"We're looking to get first," senior Erin Lohafer said. "We're sick and tired of getting second. It's a tough tournament, but we have all the confidence that we can be first."

Maryville was the dreaded bridesmaid in both the Nodaway County and LeBlond Tournaments, losing to Northeast Nodaway and LeBlond, respectively, in the title games.

Head coach Randall Cook gave the girls two nights off from practice after Monday's 63-33 win over Clarinda, Iowa, a break he said the girls needed more mentally than physically.

"I told them to kind of get refreshed and refocused and come back planning on preparing to win

this tournament," Cook said.

The girls start practice again Thursday, gearing up for Tuesday's opener in the Bishop Miege Tournament vs. Shawnee Mission (Kan.) West. The tournament features four Missouri and four Kansas teams, with Maryville seeded second on the Missouri side.

Cook has confidence that his team can improve on last year's third-place finish in the tournament.

"If we go down and play hard and compete and work together, I think we'll come out of there pretty good," Cook said.

Monday's 63-33 win gave the 'Hounds a positive note going into next week's tournament.

Lohafer led the team with 23 points, followed by junior Cauleen Bradley with nine points. Senior Erin McLaughlin and sophomore Abby Walter each contributed six

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RANDALL COOK
GIRLS' BASKETBALL COACH

points. Cook credited outstanding defense in winning Monday's game and winning five of the last seven the 'Hounds have played.

"The most anybody's scored on us is 42 points, so we're really holding people down," Cook said. "We've just got to get a little more consistent on offense, and I think we're going to be pretty hard to beat."

The 'Hounds face Shawnee Mission (Kan.) West at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Bishop Miege.

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Steppin' it up



PHOTO BY BILL KNUST/ASSIGNMENT DIRECTOR

The Bearcat Steppers smile with Kathy Rice, owner of Movie Magic. Rice is donating money to the Steppers to help them attend the 2002 National Dance Alliance Collegiate Championships in Daytona, Fla. The amount donated was \$254.25. Movie Magic held two fundraisers for the Steppers, including donating 100 percent of their poster sales.

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Parker, a sophomore guard, scored a career-high 21 points in Monday's victory over Missouri Western.

Twaddle, a senior guard, drained five three-pointers in Tuesday's blowout win over Falls City, Neb. He scored 17 points.



Trent Twaddle



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What is the most memorable sporting event in 2001?



last game and we scored a touchdown."

Daryl Ridley
public relations



"I have always enjoyed the game of baseball."
Joy Hayes
political science



show great teamwork."

Kimberly Reese
parks & rec management



"My most memorable moment was when Jennifer Capriati won the 2001 Australian Open."
Aaron Casady
social science education

"I really enjoy watching the Bearcat women's basketball team. They have really been improving throughout the years and they

SPORTS TALK

Year provides memories for sports fans

Welcome back and Happy New Year, Bearcats. At Northwest it appears that we have a lot to look forward to at the start of 2002. Both the men's and women's basketball teams have started the season red-hot and sit among the top rankings in the MIAA.

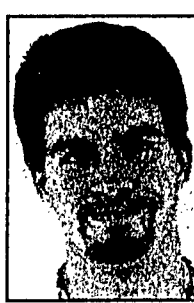
As 2001 came to a close I could not help but think back to what an incredible and memorable year 2001 was in the sports world.

It all started with the surprising death of NASCAR legend Dale Earnhart. His tragic death sent the racing world into a tailspin. Millions mourned the death of the sport's greatest icon.

The 2001 World Series will certainly be one for the ages.

The Arizona Diamondbacks, in only their third year of existence, defeated the most dominating team in baseball, the New York Yankees.

Both teams fought with a "never say die" attitude. In the



JUSTIN BUSH
SPORTS EDITOR

end however, it was the incredible pitching performances of Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling that lifted the Dbacks over the Yankees.

When Mark McGwire blasted 70 homers in 1998, no one could have imagined that his record would fall in just three short years. Barry Bonds belted 73 round-trippers and proved to the sports

world that no record is ever safe.

Speaking of Big Mac, who could have ever imagined that in 2002, we would be watching Michael Jordan and not McGwire on our television sets.

I do not care what anyone says; Jordan is still an incredible player. He might not take flight like he once did, but he is still one of the best in the game.

His style of play may have changed, but he has taken a young Wizards team from the bottom of the NBA cellar and, with a nine-game win streak, turned them into serious playoff contenders.

If Jordan can lead this team to

the playoffs that leaves no doubt in this reporter's mind that he is the greatest player ever to step foot on the court.

Perhaps the greatest sports moment of 2001 was not any one game or play, but a reaction. All sporting events in America were cancelled for a week after the attacks of Sept. 11.

When the sports world resumed, the response of fans from around the country was astonishing. Chants of "Go, Team, Go" were replaced with chants of "USA, USA." In baseball, "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" was replaced with "God Bless America" during the seventh-inning stretch. American flags stretched across fields and bald eagles flew into stadiums at the start of games. It was a display of American patriotism at its finest.

The year of 2001 was definitely one to be remembered. As we start 2002, I can not help but eagerly wait to see what this year has in store for us.

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College football

Spurrier's resignation leaves players' futures in question

By SETH TRAUB

INDEPENDENT FLORIDA ALLIGATOR (U. FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Coach Steve Spurrier's resignation Friday, just days after leading a 56-23 drubbing of Maryland in the Orange Bowl game, left many of his players shell-shocked.

Worse, a few top players — Rex Grossman, Taylor Jacobs and Jabar Gaffney — are reconsidering where they will play next season. Last week Grossman and Jacobs insisted they would remain at University of Florida. Now, neither is so sure.

"He really threw me for a loop," Grossman said. "He dropped a bomb on Gainesville (Fla.) — nobody saw it coming. I definitely have to make a big decision. Most likely I am going to be back, but there is a lot of uncertainty that I am looking at."

That uncertainty mainly is who the Gators' next coach will be and whether that person can continue Spurrier's high-powered offense.

Grossman was in the Bahamas vacationing with family when he saw the news on television. Spurrier had left a message on the sophomore's cell phone but he hadn't received the message.

Grossman said he and Jacobs are likely to be a packaged deal, with either both staying or both going. Jacobs said Monday he is still 50-50. Friday is the final day for underclassmen to declare for the NFL Draft.

"I know I made a decision after the Orange Bowl (to stay), but what that decision was based on is gone," Jacobs said. "I have to rethink everything."

While Jacobs said he and fellow receivers Gaffney and Reche Caldwell were going to meet this weekend and make a decision as a group, the three still were undecided as of Monday.

Grossman also said he expects Gaffney and Caldwell to go pro.

"I will try and convince (Gaffney) to stay and give him reasons why to stay," Grossman said. "He's probably going to be a top-15 pick, and that's too much money to turn down, and with a new coach and a new system — it would be different if coach Spurrier was coming back."

A decision by Grossman also will affect the future of sophomore Brock Berlin, who was almost certain to transfer to Miami as late as last week but now is waiting until a decision is made by the Gators' starter.

"I have been on the phone with Brock quite a bit lately, and we are on the same page, too," Grossman said. "He is probably going to do the opposite of what I do."

Dallas Baker, a UF signee who participated in fall drills with the team but did not qualify academically, already was reconsidering his commitment when he heard the news.

Baker, now eligible, had planned to enroll at UF this summer and

spoke to UF coaches Friday morning about an official visit, but he now is undecided.

"I have to question the process now, even though I signed with them already," Baker said. "At the same time he was the one who wanted me to be recruited, but now that he isn't there, I wonder if it will be the same type of offense."

No matter how they heard the news Friday — television, radio or word of mouth — players had lots of questions. Many of those questions were answered at Monday's meeting between Spurrier and 30 to 40 of his players.

"From what I've heard, guys who were planning on staying are going to be leaving," offensive lineman Jonathan Colon said Friday. "A lot of people have been talking crazy, about transferring — things like that. But people need to be patient and see how everything goes."

Junior David Jorgensen has no doubt the future of UF football is not bleak.

"The one thing coach left us with is that (athletics director) Jeremy Foley has done a great job of bringing great coaches to this university, and he'll do the same with this job," Jorgensen said. "No matter what happens we will have a good coach, and we will keep bringing it in."

"It may be a speed bump in the road, but no one is calling it quits or jumping ship."

Miles playing once again, signs with arena football

Former Northwest Missouri State University standout receiver Tony Miles has returned to football.

Miles signed with Arena Football 2's Tennessee Valley Vipers on Jan. 2, announced Vipers head coach Kevin Guy.

In his career Miles caught 169 passes for 3,079 yards and 30 touchdowns. He also carried the ball 42

times for 387 yards and five touchdowns. He returned 82 punts for 1,302 yards and 43 kickoffs for 1,045 yards.

Alumni taking reservations for Arizona golf vacation

The Northwest Missouri State Alumni Association is sponsoring the 2002 Greisen Golf Getaway scheduled for March 23-26 in Phoe-

nix. Reservations are being accepted until March 1.

The event will be hosted by former Bearcat and current Arizona Cardinal quarterback Chris Greisen.

Packages are available for golfers and non-golfers. Scheduled activities replacing golf include an NHL game featuring the Phoenix Coyotes and MLB spring training sessions.

For more information contact Michael Johnson at 562-1248.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

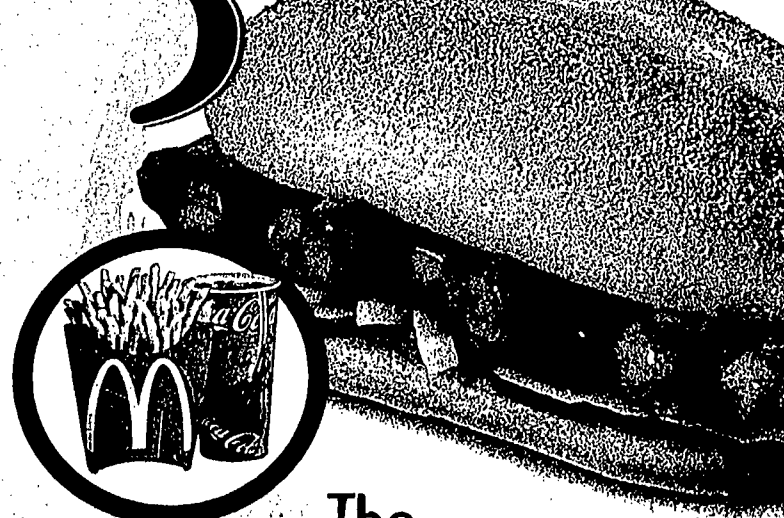
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Northwest women's bball			Missouri Southern 1:30 p.m.				Washburn 5:30 p.m.
Northwest indoor track & field							
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First, I would like to welcome you to this fine institution of higher education. You couldn't have picked a better place. Where else could you find a place where the only thing better than back-to-back national championships in football, is the back-to-back winner of the Missouri Quality Award? An award so elusive that you can only qualify for a chance to acquire it four years after you win the first one. That way you make all those not-so-quality institutions feel better about themselves. So to all of you transfer students I say, "Aloha."

And now I ask you, "What were you thinking?" I know the school looks good when they are courting you to spend all of your money in Maryville instead of that hole called St. Joseph



THE STROLLER

and their second-rate school. And I figure by now you have realized this school really doesn't care why you're here as long as your checks don't bounce. This school seems to forget that you are just as new as all those precious Academy kids were on their first day and they get some sort of orientation, you don't. So let's look at a list of other things they probably forgot to tell you after you arrived on campus.

They probably didn't tell you where you need to go to get your precious Bearcat card or even that if you don't pick up your books by the Saturday before school they'll charge you 20 bucks.

They also might have forgotten to mention that parking passes must be properly inspected by Campus Safety prior to your arrival just in case you

didn't remove the backing off the sticker correctly. In that case it is another 20 bucks in the pocket of the University.

You have to be extra careful if you move into the dorms, oops, I mean the residence halls, because sometimes they forget to even assign you a room. They probably didn't tell you that if the cracker jack before you cut a cigarette hole in the screen of your room and you didn't notice during check-in, they will charge you. Dang, another 20 bucks, your beverage money is quickly disappearing and you haven't even visited the local establishment yet.

Bottom line is that if you thought moving in as a freshman sucked, at least you had freshman seminar and an orientation session before school started. But if you transfer later in your college career, you're on your own.

So, to all those transfer students out there, I'm sorry that quality doesn't apply to you until after you make friends and they tell you what to do. Before I go, I'll help you out a little. Don't step on the seal beneath the Bell Tower, because if you do your legs will rot off and you will never walk across that stage at a ceremony called graduation.

Good luck, and I'll see you around.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

ENTERTAINMENT REVIEW

Two bands bring new life to live recordings

By BOBBY GUMM
CONTRIBUTING REVIEWER

For most people, live recordings of bands are generally thought of as a novelty more than anything else. After all, they are songs that we have already heard, but this time they are merely played live. In true Radiohead fashion, they once again prove us and our way of thinking wrong. Radiohead isn't alone, though; Nine Inch Nails also delivers a knock-out blow with their current live recording.

The new and surprisingly raw Radiohead album, *I Might Be Wrong: Live Recordings*, takes us to a whole new level; yet, they use the same songs from their previous two albums. The crisp sounds, conceptual undertones and "Pro-Tools" are pushed to the curb on this record and we are left with beautifully raw and organic sonic power that hits us like a bolt of light-

ning.

The album starts off with the unrelenting base-line of "The National Anthem," and it doesn't let up until we hear the last strum of the guitar in the previously unreleased track "True Love Waits." The high point of the record arrives when Thom Yorke, the lead singer, collaborates with only a piano. His beautifully painful voice excels in an unforgettable performance of "Like Spinning Plates."

Radiohead is not the only band to release a ground-breaking live recording recently. Nine Inch Nails dig their claws in to create a retrospective live album appropriately titled *And All That Could Have Been*.

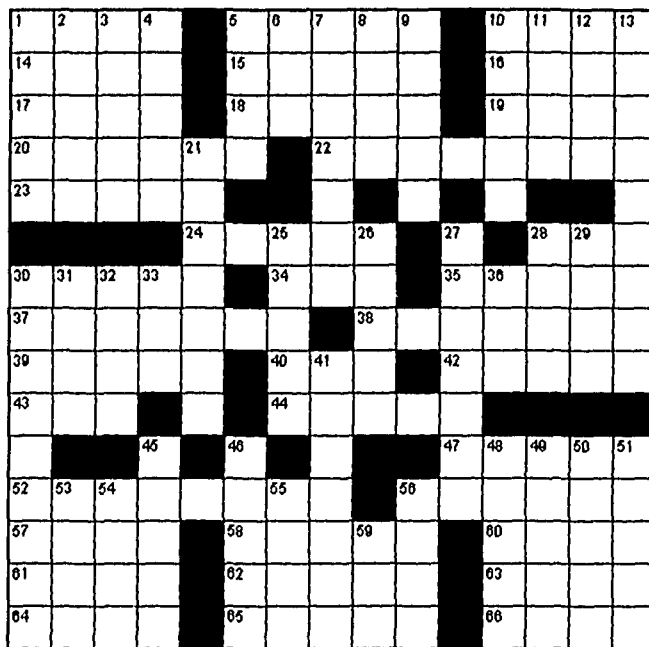
This album is a collection of 16 of their greatest songs from live performances during their 2000 tour. Gritty and yet precise, the songs erupt out of your speakers and penetrate your brain

with unyielding power.

I Might Be Wrong: Live Recordings and *And All That Could Have Been* show us a different and more unbridled side to these bands (unless you have been fortunate enough to see either of them live.) They have been set free from the confines of a studio and released out into the wild. Like a bird in a cage, it is beautiful to look at but nothing compares to the glory of watching it fly.

If you are not familiar with Radiohead or Nine Inch Nails, these albums aren't the ones that you are going to want to buy first. Because the bands are very progressive and conceptual in nature, my suggestion is to start with their earlier masterpieces and work your way up. For those of you who are familiar with their music or are an obsessed fan like me, you are in for a real treat.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Strikes
5. Celestial body
10. Abbreviated abbreviation
14. Exclude
15. Alert
16. Function
17. Goo
18. Male name
19. Rake
20. Female name
22. Remote
23. Exchange
24. Fermented fruit juices
28. Document
30. Dice game
34. Slippery person
35. Tailless amphibians

DOWN

2. Fowl shelter
3. Love affair
4. Place
5. City in NW France
6. Operating late at night
7. Afternoon performance
8. Near-Earth asteroid
9. Male voice
10. Marshal
11. Start
12. Low in spirits
13. Train again (2-7)
21. Paperboy
25. Destitute
26. Streamlined
27. Mortally
28. Manure
29. Grampus
30. Made a confusion of noises
31. Hoar
32. Consanguine
33. Greek god of forests
36. Naught
41. Sang by changing between falsetto and normal voice
45. Confronts
46. Effaced
48. Hebrew dry measure
49. Appraise
50. The Muslim world
51. Persons of great authority
53. 10-year prison sentence
54. Pat
55. Musical composition for one
56. Scottish slope
59. Engineer (abbrev)

Answers can be found on page 3A

on the edge

Olympics facts:

■ Canada is the only country not to win a gold medal in the summer Olympic games while hosting the event.

■ Jesse Owens won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.

■ Since 1896, the beginning of the modern Olympics, only Greece and Australia have participated in every Games.

■ Princess Anne from the British royal family competed in the 1976 Summer Olympics.

■ The city of Denver was chosen to host and then refused the 1976 Winter Olympics.

■ The five Olympic rings represent the continents.

■ In a first-of-its-kind business arrangement, Visa International signed a \$3 million deal in 1993 to become the official credit card of Atlanta, the host city of the 1996 Summer Olympics.

■ Married women were forbidden by law to watch, let alone compete, in the ancient Olympics. The penalty was death. Women who broke the rule were thrown from a nearby cliff.

■ Because of the outbreak of major world wars, the modern Olympics did not hold competitions in 1916, 1940, and 1944.

■ The oldest individual to win a medal in the Olympics was Oscar Swahn. He won a silver medal in shooting for Sweden in 1920. He was 72 years old.

Sources: uselesfacts.net and uselesknowledge.com

Concert Calendar

KANSAS CITY

- Jan. 10 *Miltons*
Davey's Uptown
- Jan. 11 *Ray Charles*
Kansas City Music Hall
- Jan. 12 *Glen Campbell*
Ameristar Hotel & Casino
- Jan. 12 *Oak Ridge Boys*
Ameristar Hotel
- Jan. 16 *Dreadnought*
Grand Emporium
- Jan. 18 *Shooting Star*
Ameristar Hotel & Casino
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- Jan. 10 *David Ball*
Miss Kitty's
- Jan. 17 *Rising Lion*
House of Bricks
- Jan. 18 *Broken*
Frank's House of Rock
- Jan. 18 *Alice Peacock*
Maintenance Shop
- Jan. 19 *The Actual*
Hairy Mary's
- Jan. 26 *Sam Myers*
Blues on Grand
- Jan. 26 *Mason Jennings*
Maintenance Shop

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The 49er
- Jan. 15 *Dreadnought*
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- Jan. 18 *Ricky Van Shelton*
Ameristar
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